

October 15, 2012

**Re:** Opposition to the establishment of a game season for wolves in Michigan.

Dear Committee Clerk,

I have heard that there will be a discussion on Wednesday in the Michigan Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee regarding testimony on the establishment of a game season for wolves in Michigan. I would like to register my complete and utter objection of any attempt to establish such a season.

To hunt wolves after a hard struggle to bring back wolves that had been hunted out of the state before is illogical, inhumane and ironically wasteful. Wolves are part of our environmental landscape and keep balance naturally with any number of other species, including coyotes. It is not for man to once again eliminate this noble creature from our forests. The wolf has much to teach man about living and working together in a community.

We should not consider or condone the killing off wolves in our state. Instead we should capitalize on wolves being part of our state's ecology and demonstrate that we can live in harmony with the wolf. We can take a page from Predators Alliance out west or western parks that have successful programs educating people about the wolf's place in nature. And they have, in fact, featured wolves as star attractions in the tourist industry. We could also add wolf sightings as another unique feature to our Pure Michigan campaign. That would set us apart from the baser instincts of simply "establishing a game season for wolves."

Please let the committee know that they should think about the wolves in a creative manner now that they have been brought back. Not in a destructive manner. This is the time to welcome and incorporate the wolf as part of our environmental fabric and tourist industry.

Thank you very much - Anne Honhart 197 E. Frank St., Birmingham, MI 48009